

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Bolduc et al.

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Title:

Systems and Methods for Attaching a Prosthesis within a Body Lumen or Hollow

Organ

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the application prior to the first Office Action as follows: